

Leadership Conference Cruise 2002

Metropolitan Community Churches

Sailing to Mexico
September 23 - 27, 2002
on the Ecstasy



*Join us for fun and
learning!*

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Two Exciting Learning Opportunities

Leading Your Church Through Change

In a time when change is the norm, it has become increasingly important for local church leaders to understand the dynamics of change and to learn ways of effectively leading change in their congregations. This series of seminar presentations and interactive workshops will provide a respectful context for understanding change, especially the experiences and resistance's that people feel. Gill Rendle will pull together theory, research and his work with churches to provide you with practical diagnostic models and tools to help you "lead change" in a spiritual and helpful way.

Sexuality & Spirituality

How is God present in our most intimate moments? How do we embody what we believe in our sexuality and in our spirituality? How can we be faithful, sexual people in the 21st Century? Join us as we explore the ways in which MCC can build on our legacy as a movement distinguished by our stance on sexuality and how we can build a future which is ethical and liberating.

Each day, we'll hear from our plenary speakers and provide opportunities for you to explore your own views. There will also be workshops on HIV and Spirituality, Sexual Ethics, Sex and the Spiritual Journey and more.

Schedule

Monday: Los Angeles, USA

Board the ship and get oriented to all that it has to offer.
Opening Reception

Tuesday: Catalina, USA

Morning Worship

Sexuality & Spirituality Morning Plenary Session, with
Joseph Bean, Irene Monroe and Donald Boisvert

Leading Your Church Through Change, Afternoon Plenary
Session Gill Rendle, Alban Institute

Wednesday: Ensenada, Mexico

Morning Worship

Sexuality & Spirituality Morning Plenary Sessions,
Afternoon: Workshops

Leading Your Church Through Change: Morning Small Group
Work, Afternoon Plenary

Thursday: Day at Sea

Morning Worship

Sexuality & Spirituality Morning Plenary Sessions,
Afternoon: Workshops and Closing Panel

Leading Your Church Through Change: Morning Small Group
Work, Afternoon Plenary

Private Reception for Members of the Founder's Circle and
Circle of Faith

Friday: Los Angeles, USA

Disembark the ship

For more information and a complete schedule,
go to the conference website

www.mcccruise.com

or call

1-800-804-6968 or 1-727-823-0716

Speakers

Leading Your Church Through Change

Gil Rendle, Alban Institute's Director of Consulting and Education, is a former pastor and denominational leader in the United Methodist Church (USA). He holds a doctorate from Temple University in organizational development and small group development. His consulting and teaching experience includes events for clergy and laity together in strategic planning, long-range planning, conflict management, interim periods between pastors, staff retreats, pastor/board retreats, church management and urban ministry.

Sexuality & Spirituality

Irene Monroe, doctoral student at Harvard Divinity School's Religion, Culture and Gender program, Cambridge, MA, USA. She describes herself as an openly lesbian African-American theologian.

Donald Boisvert, Author of *Out on Holy Ground: Meditations on Gay Men's Spirituality*, Montreal, Canada. He is the Dean of Students at Concordia University and is the Co-Chair of the Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group of the American Academy of Religion.

Joseph Bean, an early member of MCC, an activist, author of *Leather Sex* and other books, and artist, living in Maui, Hawaii, USA. He has written and spoken extensively on the connections between sex and spirit.

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Fun • Friends • Worship • Learning

This year's Leadership Conference offers you two dynamic tracks of programming:

Sexuality & Spirituality

Leading Your Church Through Change

Both programs will include opportunities to hear excellent speakers and to participate in small group learning opportunities. Both are designed to get to the heart of issues important to Metropolitan Community Churches in 2002 and beyond. Plus, you'll experience all of the fun of a Carnival cruise ship, with shore excursions, activities, fun with friends and great food. You can see the sights in Catalina and Ensenada and still participate in all of the conference programming and worship.



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